

It has come to our attention that we had a technical problem with distribution of the November 24 "RR News from DNR". Not everyone received the message. Here is a copy of the message. Sorry for the inconvenience.

REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB

The November 1999 edition of "ReNews", the RR program's quarterly newsletter, is now available on the web at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR642.pdf>. This edition includes "A Brighter Future for Better Brite", "Building for > the Future- Rejuvenation of Brownfields", "EPA Pilot Grants Available", "Contaminated Site Closure Seminar" and more. To subscribe to our printed version of the newsletter, or to stop a subscription to the newsletter mailing list, please call our Information Line at 608-264-6020 (or 1-800-367-6076 for long distance calls originating in Wisconsin.)

BROWNFIELDS BUDGET SUMMARY

The RR program has prepared a publication describing the improvements to the state's brownfields initiative created in the 1999-2001 budget. "Brownfields Initiatives in the 1999-2001 State Budget", RR-623, is now available on the RR web page and in hard copy. The web page address is: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR623.pdf>. For a printed copy you may call our Information Line at the number listed above.

DNR TO COMMERCE SITE TRANSFERS

The biennial budget bill transfers low and medium risk sites contaminated by petroleum storage tank storage systems from DNR to the Department of Commerce on December 1, 1999. The agencies are discussing the logistics of site transfer and trying to minimize confusion to site owners and consultants. They have agreed to delay physical transfer of most files. On December 1 DNR will correct its site database so that sites that meet the new statutory definition of low or medium risk will be shown under the jurisdiction of Commerce. Until a file is physically transferred, DNR will answer questions regarding site status, but will refer requests for authorizations or specific approvals to Commerce staff. However, if a closure request has been submitted to DNR but not acted on by December 1, DNR will transfer the closure request and the file contents to Commerce. If a fee was submitted with the closure request, DNR will return the fee.

DEADLINE FOR LAND RECYCLING LOANS

Wisconsin's Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP) provides low cost loans to cities, villages, counties and towns for remediating environmental contamination at landfills and brownfields. In the 1999-2001 state budget, the interest rate for the LRLP was reduced to 0%. The loan servicing fee is currently 0.5%. If a local government wants to submit an application for the LRLP in 2000, they must send an "Intent to Apply" by December 31, 1999. For more information on land recycling loans and the "Intent To Apply" process, please see this DNR website: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/EL/elindex.html> or call Maureen

Hubeler at (608) 266-0849 or Tom Reardon at (608) 267-0801.
Communities that have already sent an "Intent to Apply" should work
with Maureen or Tom on their loan applications.

TECHNICAL GUIDANCE: SITE SPECIFIC SOIL STANDARDS, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
Consultants who are looking for guidance on developing site specific
soil standards under ch. NR 720.19 can refer to publication RR-519,
"Soil Cleanup Levels for Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)
Interim Guidance". Although this publication was developed for PAHs,
the principles for developing site specific residual contaminant levels
are the same, regardless of the contaminant. The guidance includes
considerations for 1) contaminant migration via the groundwater
pathway, and 2) direct human contact via the ingestion or inhalation
pathway. The publication is at
<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR519.pdf>
Publication RR-528, "Interim Guidance on Soil Performance Standards",
answers some frequently asked questions about alternatives to numerical
soil standards for closing out contaminated sites. This publication is
at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR528.pdf>
And remember, our new technical guidance for natural attenuation is on
the web site at <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm> It
includes three Excel spreadsheets and a Mann-Kendall instruction sheet.
Call Terry Evanson at (608) 266-0941 or e-mail her at
evanst@dnr.state.wi.us with questions or comments on the natural
attenuation guidance.

BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

EPA will begin accepting applications for Brownfields Job Training and
Development Demonstration Pilots through March 3, 2000. EPA intends to
competitively select ten Pilots by May, 2000. Job training guidelines
can be obtained via the Internet: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>, or
by calling the Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 (TDD for the hearing
impaired at 1-800-553-7672). For further information contact EPA's
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Myra Blakely, Outreach
and Special Projects Staff, (202) 260-4527 or Nancy Wilson at (202)
260-1910.

END OF YEAR DNR NETWORK SHUTDOWN

All state network computing services will be shut down for safe Y2K
rollover and restart from 4:30 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 1999 through
7:00 a.m. Monday, January 3, 2000. You will not be able to access any
DNR web pages during this period.

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